



# Couple says goodbye to church they founded, served 40 years

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**FORTS LAKE** — The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Darrow Cauley said goodbye in September to 40 years of service to a church they founded.

Members of the Forts Lake Assembly of God presented a plaque to the Cauleys commending them for their faithful and dedicated service to the church.

"On Sept. 9, I preached what we called my retirement service. It was my last message as the official pastor," Cauley said.

He and his wife, the former Vanda Jean Ard of Bogalusa, La., moved out of the parsonage next door to the church, but they haven't gone far.

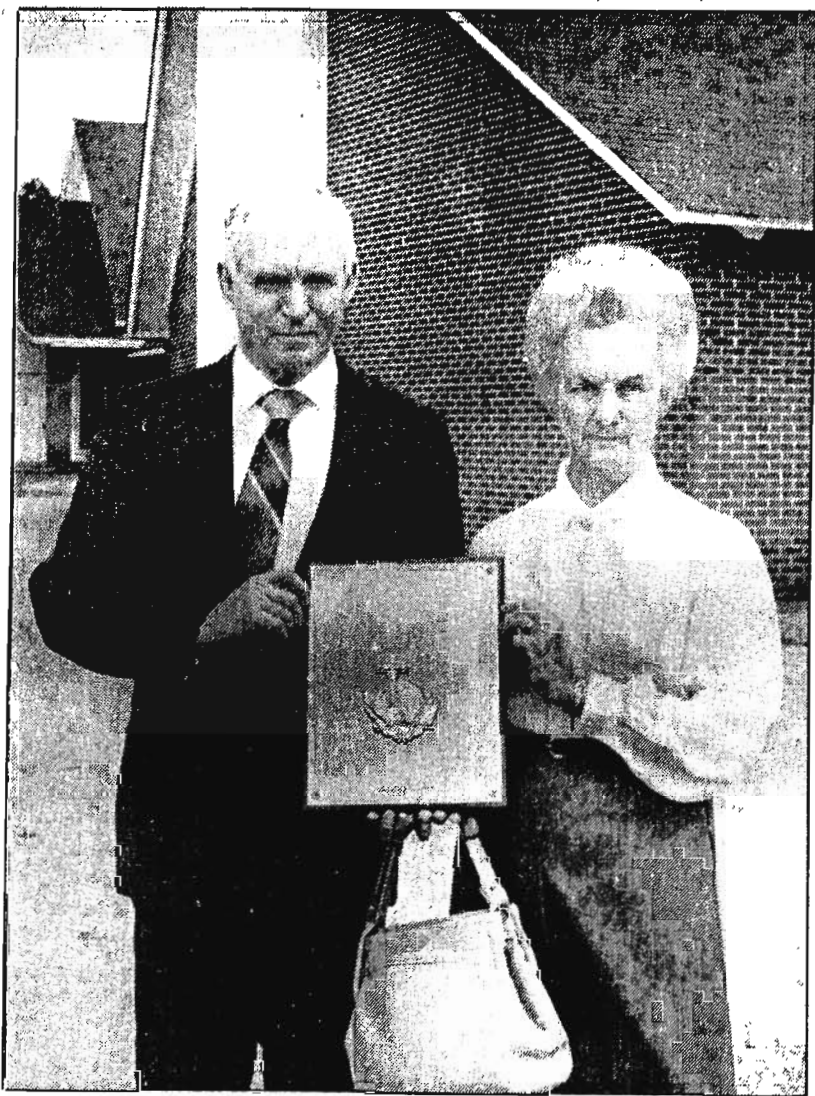
Their new home is a freshly built house in the Forts Lake community. Cauley said he expects to remain as an assistant pastor, particularly since his son, Timothy Cauley, is the new pastor.

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Pascagoula and moved to the new parsonage in 1959. Three years earlier, Cauley had quit his job at the shipyard to be a full-time preacher.

A two-story Sunday school classroom was added to the sanctuary. Thirteen years ago, a new sanctuary, along with a pastor's office, was added and the original church was converted into a nursery and classrooms. A fellowship hall was built that has a complete kitchen.

Every August, the Forts Lake Assembly of God has hosted a camp meeting under a big tent. After the tent fell down, Cauley decided they needed a permanent tabernacle. With the new open air metal structure built, a youth camp was started where the youngsters used the Sunday school classrooms as dormitories. When more land was purchased, bringing the church grounds up to 15 acres, they were able to build a dormitory for the June camp. Added three years ago was a daytime kid's camp.

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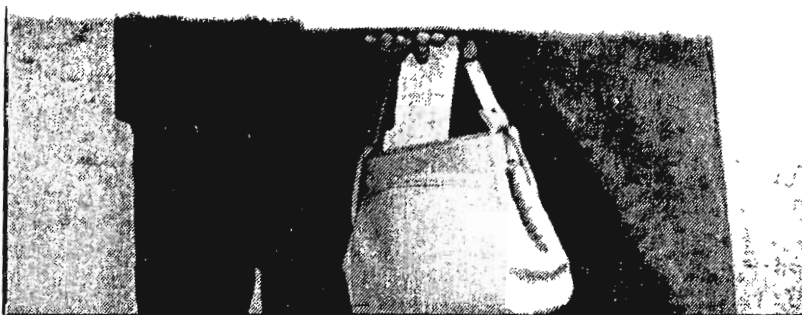
He said it was during that period they attended First Assembly of God Church in Pascagoula where they were saved and became active members.

~~He then suffered a terrible~~ accident at Ingalls when a piece of steel fell on him.

"It was just a miracle he lived. The doctors told me if he did live, he wouldn't be able to walk again. He was out of the hospital walking in three months," Mrs. Cauley said.

"After the accident I felt the Lord calling me to the ministry. I started preaching at different churches. I'd go here and there to speak," Cauley said.

He found his niche in 1950 when he went to the small Forts Lake community in southeast Jackson County just two miles from the



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The next step to growth was the erection of the Army medical tent.

"It was very crude. We made homemade benches and had oil-burning heaters that let off smoke. We stayed there for a year, year- and one-half," Cauley said.

Mahathy donated one acre of land for the church's first permanent structure on Forts Lake Road. The 70-by-37-foot cinder block building was completed just before Christmas 1952.

"We moved into the block building with a dirt floor just to get out of the tent because it was so cold," Mrs. Cauley said.

"We put shavings of sawdust on the floor and brought in the old homemade benches. We were so proud to be in there. I

and others would come in before services and sprinkle the floor down with water to keep the dust down," Cauley said.

Canvas was laid around the altar so members could kneel without the clinging sawdust shavings.

"My husband then said one day that by faith, we were going to pour that floor," Mrs. Cauley said.

When he ordered the \$600 worth of concrete, there was no money. By the time the cement floor was finished, they had the funds to pay for the job.

From that humble beginning the church grounds, buildings and membership has grown extensively.

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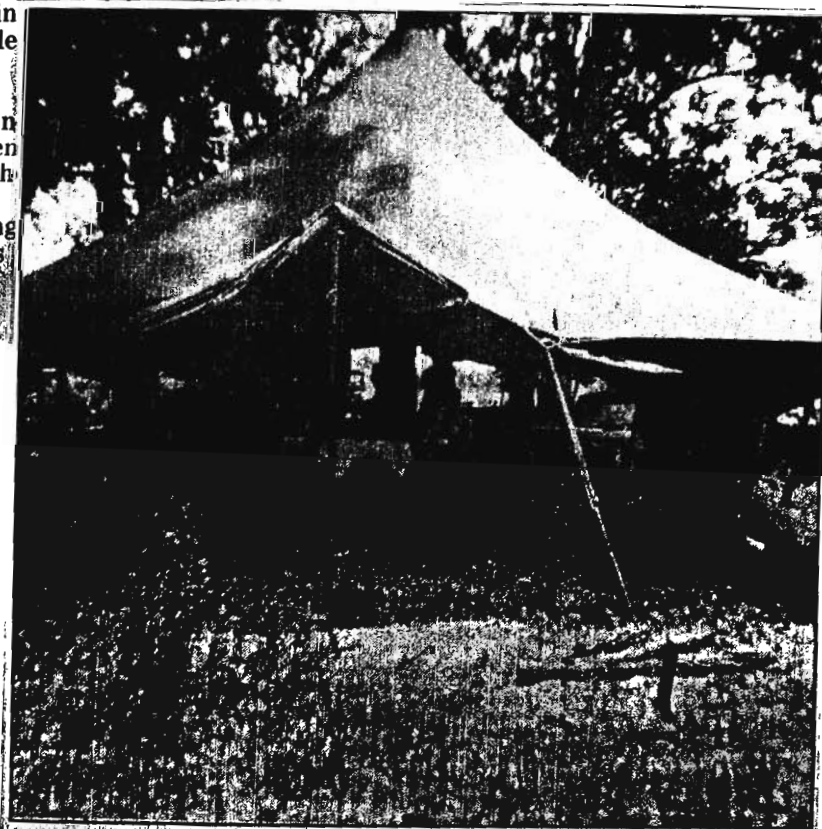
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# CAULEY

J. D. Cauley, 62, 23601 Hinton Road, Hurley, died Monday, July 24, 1989, at Veterans Hospital in Biloxi. Mr. Cauley was born Jan. 3, 1927, in Mobile County, Ala., and had been a resident of Jackson County most of his life. He was an electrician with Local IBEW and a member of Forts Lake Assembly of God Church. Mr. Cauley was a veteran of World War II.

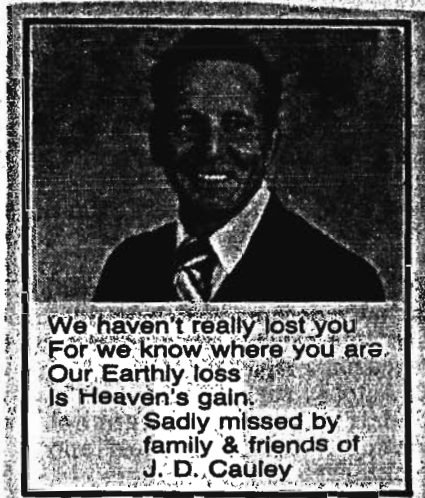
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irma Cauley, Hurley; three sons, Mike Cauley, Ocean Springs, Rocky Cauley, Richton, Miss., and Dempsey Cauley, Jackson, S. C.; three brothers, Rufus Cauley, Pascagoula, Carvell E. Smith, Moss Point, and Rev. C. D. Cauley, Forts Lake; two sisters, Mrs. Rosalee Richards, Pascagoula, and Mrs. Doris Wayne, Bogalusa, La., and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight, July 25, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home from 6-10 p.m.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. at Forts Lake Assembly of God Church with the Rev. C. D. Cauley officiating.

Interment will be in Machpelah Cemetery.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.



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**"RJ" ROY DOUGLAS GASAWAY, JR.**

Son of Roy and Linda Gasaway will be 1 year old on March 18, 1992. Grandparents are Louie and Martha Gasaway of Pascagoula; Betty and James Cauley, Grand Bay; the late Ralph "RJ" Vaughn of Pascagoula.



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Kenneth Dale Cauley II  
Born July 24 is the son of Mr. and  
Kenneth Dale Cauley of Pasca  
whom they have named Kenneth D  
The mother is the former Cherrie  
Kirkland.



**JACOB SCOTT**, son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Scott Cauley of Pascagoula, is a  
year old today. Grandparents are Mr.  
and Mrs. John Cauley, Mr. and Mrs.  
James Whalen, Pascagoula.

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**Mrs. Hannah Virginia Krebs Cauley**, 97, Route 1, Grand Bay, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1988. Mrs. Cauley was born Oct. 24, 1890, in Jackson County and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church.

Survivors are three sons, Marvin W. Cauley, Leakesville, James Cauley Jr., Grand Bay, and John B. Cauley, Pascagoula; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Graham, San Antonio, Fla., and Mrs. Dorothy Clark, Forts Lake; a sister, Mrs. Vivian Cathron, Kreole; 33 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation will be tonight, Feb. 3, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

Funeral service will be Thursday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church with Father McDermott officiating.

Interment will be in Machpelah Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be McIlwain Cauley, William Henry Graham III, James R. Cauley, Bruce Wayne Clark, John B. Cauley Jr., and Stephen H. Cauley.

Honorary pallbearers will be Phillip M. Clark and Roger Clark.

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**TENNILLE GUY**

Daughter of Mark and Maretta Cauley of Forts Lake Community. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. C.D. Cauley of the Forts Lake Community and Elroy and Sharon Guy of Conyers, GA.

# SCARBROUGH

Mrs. Rachel Corrine Scarbrough, 53, 5924 Gavin Hamilton Road, Hurley, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1987, at Mobile Infirmary. Mrs. Scarbrough was born Sept. 17, 1933, in Mobile County and had been a resident of Jackson County for most of her life. She was a member of Magnolia Springs Assembly of God Church in Hurley.

Survivors are her husband, Lynn Dee Scarbrough, Hurley; two sons, Oliver Scarbrough, Lucedale, and Lynn Dee "Dee Dee" Scarbrough Jr., Hurley; two daughters, Mrs. Lavon (Althea) Scarbrough and Mrs. Gene (Mabel) Green, both of Hurley; her mother, Mrs. Luther (Florence) Hinton, Harleston; six sisters, Mrs. Rufus (Margie) Cauley, Moss Point, Mrs. Demp (Irma) Cauley, Hurley, Mrs. Mel (Nadine) Sanders, Mobile, Mrs. H. G. "Sandy" (Lilie Mae) Sanderson, Wade, Mrs. H. L. (Vera) Pierce, Harleston, and Mrs. Eddie (Gay) Jones, Morton; five brothers, Luther "Buck" Hinton, Monetta, S. C., Ben Hinton, Leakesville, Charlie Hinton, Hurley, Wayne Hinton and Tom Hinton, both of Harleston; four grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Visitation will be tonight, Feb. 2, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. at

Magnolia Springs Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Norman Busby and the Rev. Tommy Slay officiating. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to service time.

Interment will be in Johnson Cemetery.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.



## OBITUARIES

**BROWN**  
Martha "Didge" Cauley Brown, 46, of Pascagoula, Miss., died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, in Theodore, Ala. Martha was born on August 16, 1956, in Pascagoula, living here for most of her life.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Scotty Cauley; grandparents, Ira and Hannah Cauley and Guy and Bertha Ros.

Survivors include her parents, John and Wilka Cauley of Pascagoula; former husband, Richard D. Brown Sr., of New Orleans, La.; one daughter, Bonnie Rose Brown of Pascagoula; one son and daughter-in-law, Richard D. and Shirin Brown Jr., of Pascagoula; two brothers, Johnny Cauley of Pascagoula, and Mike (Andrea) Cauley of Vancleave, Miss.; four sisters, Kathy (Butch) Ory, Ginny (Gary) Broadus, both of Pascagoula, Miss., Tammy (Gar) Williams and Wendy (Chris) Stone, both of Hudson, Fla.; one grandchild, Sadie Nicole Brown of Pascagoula; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Sept. 9, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral service were held at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church at 10 a.m., on September 10.

The service was officiated by Father Gerard Cleary, Father Dominick Fullam and the Rev. Mackie McGrath.

Interment was in Machpelah Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Tisdale, Glen Murfee, Brian Weems, Tim Weems, Phillip Thurman, Nathan Smith, and honorary pallbearer, Richard D. Brown Jr.

Arrangements were by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula, Miss.

## CAULEY

Scott Alan Cauley, 35, of Pascagoula, Miss., died Dec. 19, 1998, in Greenville, Miss. At the time of his death, Mr. Cauley was a Chief Engineer with Southern Towing Company. A native and lifelong resident of Pascagoula, Mr. Cauley was born June 15, 1963, and graduated from Pascagoula High School.

He is survived by a son, Jacob Scott Cauley, and his parents, John B., Sr. and Wilka Cauley, all of Pascagoula. Mr. Cauley is also survived by two brothers, John B., Jr., of Pascagoula, and Michael (Andrea) of Vancleave; five sisters, Katherine (Butch) Ory, Virginia (Gary) Broadus, and Martha "Didge" Brown, all of Pascagoula, and Tammy (Garlan) Williams and Wendy (Ken) Gregory, of Hudson, Fla. Mr. Cauley is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive visitors Thursday evening, April 15, 1999, from 6:00 to 9:00, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, 4811 Telephone Road, Pascagoula. A rosary, led by Father Gerard Cleary, will be recited at 8:00 p.m. Father Cleary will conduct the funeral service at 10:00 a.m., Fri., April 16, 1999, from the chapel at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home.

Burial will follow at Machpelah Cemetery, Pascagoula.

Pallbearers are Jay Loris, Jeff Loris, Keith Larson, Mark Hansen, Brett Conner and Brian Weems.

The family request that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the church in which Mr. Cauley was baptized and confirmed, Our Lady of Victories Building Fund, P. O. Box 368, Pascagoula, Miss., 39568-0368.

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